

Appl. No. 10/697,666
Amendment dated 02/12/2004
Preliminary Amendment

ARGUMENTS

Amendment to the Cross Reference to Related Applications is being performed to incorporate the issued US patent numbers.

Claims 1 – 15 are cancelled prior to initial examination on the merits by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Applicant expressly retains all equivalences presented in new claims 16 – 36.

Antecedent bases for the approximately right angles, generally planar distal ends of the arm members, lateral bottom disposed below the waist described in new claims 16, 18, 23, 24, 29, and 32 and amendments to the specification are found at least in figures 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 18.

Antecedent bases for supporting or anchoring the inflatable humanoid forms is found in the specification on page 5 line 12; page 8 line 11; page 12 line 12; page 13 line 13; and page 15 line 15.

REMARKS

No new matter has been added by this preliminary amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above cited amendments to the specification and claims be entered into the record. The Examiner eventually assigned to this case is invited to contact Applicant's Counsel at the below listed telephone number if additional information or clarification is required.

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